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YUCCA IS YELLOWING

Yucca is yellowing—
Hello, yellow!
Cactus is crimsoning—
Glow, glow, red fellow!
And in the mesquite bush is seen
A splash of green:

As when sunset colors spill
Their beauty down an evening hill.

No one rides the trail today—
Who cares if strange or lonely?
No one goes the desert way—
It is for beauty only.

BAREBACK

The winds ride bareback,
Swinging lassos.

Their reins hang loose,
Their knees cling tight.

The trees bend down . . .
Behind, rides the rain.